

# Adoption Proceedings Benchbook

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Although this benchbook is primarily intended for use by Circuit Court judges, referees, county clerks, and juvenile and probate registers, it also contains information useful to other court personnel, attorneys, and adoption agencies. It is hoped that the benchbook will be of use to anyone who participates in the adoption process in Michigan.

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